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SUBJECT: PRESS ASSUMES ANTI-TORTURE INVESTIGATION

1. SUMMARY. SEPTEMBER 10 ATHENS PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS NEWS CONFERENCE OF MINISTER PUBLIC ORDER GHIKAS SEPTEMBER 9 WHEN HE PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE ALL ALLEGED TORTURERS IN AND OUT OF STATE APPARATUS. PRESS INTERPRETS STATEMENT, PERHAPS PRECIPITATELY, AS FORECAST THAT MAJOR OFFICIAL ACTION AGAINST JUNTA TORTURERS UNDER WAY. END SUMMARY

2. ATHENS DAILIES REPORT GHIKAS IN PRESS INTERVIEW AS SAYING THAT SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE HIS POLICY HAS BEEN TO URGE SUBORDINATES TO INVESTIGATE ALL ALLEGED TORTURES COMMITTED DURING PREVIOUS REGIME. HE STATED: "THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OTHERS SUFFER WILL NOW SUFFER THEMSELVES," AND PROMISED BY END THIS WEEK ALL MEASURES WILL BE REALIZED TO ASSURE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN SECURITY FORCES. AMONG MEASURES, PRESS ALREADY ACCLAIMS AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATIVE DECREE 343/69 WHICH PRINGS BAK PRE-JUNTA PROVISION OF DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT BY MINORDER BY PLACING ITS EMPLOYEES ON JOB PROBATION FOR UP TO ONE YEAR.

3. GHIKAS ALSO URGED CITIZENS WITH DENUNCIATION TO MAKE TO FILE SUITS WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR OR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION TO

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HIS MINISTRY. HE REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENT ON REORGANIZATION

OF SECURITY FORCES.

4. PRESS GREETED GHIKAS COMMENTS ENTHUSIASTICALLY WITH SUCH HEADLINES AS "GHIKAS: PENALTIES TO THE TORTURERS" (AKROPOLIS), "FILE ON TORTURERS OPENED" (VIMA), "DECLARATIONS OF MINISTER GHIKAS: DENUNCIATION OF TORTURERS" (AVGHI). LATTER PAPER TRIED TO MAKE INVESTIGATIVE WORK EASIER BY PUBLISHING 43 NAMES OF ALLEGED TORTURERS DIVIDED INTO CATEGORIES OF ATHENS SECURITY POLICE (19), ESA (17), GENDARMERIE (3), BOYIATI PRISON (1) AND 505 REGIMENT MARINES (6). IT SAID MORE NAMES WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
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